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In re application of:

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For:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN

SAID DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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After awarding the above-captioned application the benefit of the priority date of its parent -- application #09/200,253, filed November 25, 1998 -- please amend the current application as follows.

N THE SPECIFICATION:

Immediately after the title, please add the following: --

Related Application

This application is a divisional of U.S. application Ser. No. 09/200,253, filed Nov. 25,

1998. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-42 and 45-75 without prejudice.